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79-GUN SALUTE FOR GANDHI

Thousands Watch Ashes Leave For Allahabad Immersion In Sacred Rivers

New Delhi, Feb. 11.—A salute of 79 guns, one for every year of the life of the Mahatma, will be fired at two-minute intervals as Mahatma Gandhi's ashes are borne in state from Allahabad railway station to be immersed at the meeting point of the two sacred rivers, the Ganges and the Jumna.

The urn with the ashes will be carried on a 17-foot high dais, drawn on an army trailer decorated with tricolour ribbons. An effigy of Gandhi with a halo resembling that of Buddha will be set up besides the urn.

European Killed By Robbers

Daytime Drama In Kowloon Hills

Mr. L. B. Wood, of Messrs Deacon and Co., Ltd., was killed, and Mr. G. R. Ross, of the same firm was injured when armed robbers set upon them yesterday as they were hiking in the Kowloon hills.

Four men, one armed with a revolver, challenged the two Europeans as they were walking in Kowloon Park.

Both Mr. Wood and Mr. Ross resisted and a struggle followed.

Mr. Wood was fatally injured and Mr. Ross badly beaten about the head.

However, he was able to report to the police before receiving attention at the Kowloon Hospital.

Mr. Wood, a director of Messrs Deacon & Co., was in charge of the Canton branch and had come down to Hongkong for the Chinese New Year holidays.

Both Mr. Wood and Mr. Ross were robbed of their money.

Shanghai Rioters Released

Shanghai, Feb. 11.—More than 100 workers involved in the Sung Sing Cotton Mill riot 10 days ago were released from police custody last night. However, several workers will soon be handed over to Garrison headquarters on charges of instigating the riot.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Our New Police Force

"THE first thing I ask when I go to a new place is 'What is your police force like?'" said Sir Alexander Grantham a few weeks ago when carrying out the annual inspection of the Hongkong Police Force. His Excellency found cause for satisfaction, not only in the reply he received, but in what he was personally able to observe after he had been here a few months. His tribute to the force was in every way deserved and merits endorsement. Hongkong has made satisfactory progress in many directions since VJ-Day, but nothing calls for more congratulation than the manner in which the police force has been built up from a handful of men to what might fairly be described as the most efficient force the Colony has ever possessed. The process of creating a constabulary whose members place loyalty and integrity above personal considerations is no easy feat. In Hongkong, where inducements to betray a public trust are ever present, and where living conditions are complex and difficult, the task assumes a magnitude which calls for patience and courage. That it has been so well accomplished is meritorious. Crime is still one of the greatest social menaces afflicting Hongkong, but it is being

SALVATION FOR SOUL

The immersion of the ashes in the calm confluence of the blue waters of the Jumna and the grey waters of the Ganges means salvation for the soul, according to Hindu mythology.

It was at this sacred and picturesque point that King Harsha, who ruled India in the seventh century, summoned royalty, heretics, the poor, orphans, and the bereaved every fifth year to a great conference concerning final blessedness—salvation.

Harsha, so the legend goes, distributed all his gems and jewels and

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Washington, Feb. 11.—Citizens from all walks of life joined today in tribute to Mr. Gandhi, when memorial services were held simultaneously, at 11 p.m. GMT, in the many centres throughout America where Indians are living.

The presence of President Truman and the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, at the Washington memorial service bespoke the high regard the American people as a whole entertained for Mr. Gandhi.

Many representatives of the diplomatic corps, led by the Brazilian Ambassador, Senor Carlos Martins, were also present.

Convention prescribes that the United States President shall leave after addressing any public assembly. President Truman today preferred instead to remain until the end of the services.

Speakers at the service included leaders of various communities and among the gathering were members of the United States Supreme Court and Bench, and Government and Departmental officials, and an old friend of the Mahatma, author Pearl Buck, the prominent Republican leader, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, the Presidents of the universities of Chicago and Harvard, Mr. Robert Hutchins and Mr. John Conant, respectively.

NATIONAL BROADCAST

The service was heard by scores of thousands through a broadcast over the national network. A solemn feature of the service was the recitation of passages from their Scriptures by Indian representatives of all religious faiths. It was an impressive tribute. In addition to those within the United States, similar services were sponsored by Indians in Canada, Trinidad, Panama and British Guiana.

The keynote of the addresses at the services in America was that the memory and influential strength of Gandhi's ideals and philosophy shall continue to live.—Reuter.

STRIKES IN BELGIUM

Brussels, Feb. 11.—The Belgian Government tonight ordered provincial governors to requisition gas and electricity undertakings.

Nine thousand workers in this industry are preparing to join a strike of 50,000 miners and other workers which had earlier today paralysed half the country's coal mines.

The gas and electricity men are due to strike at 5 a.m. tomorrow in support of their demands for pay-increases of a five per cent "good attendance" bonus.

Twenty-eight thousand men are involved in the coal mines strike and 30,000 of 47,000 Belgian frontier workers who cross daily into France have also downed tools.

They are protesting against the equivalent of a 45 per cent cut in wages as a result of the recent French devaluation.—Reuter.

Police Guns Slay 11

Nairobi, Feb. 11.—Eleven natives were killed and 20 wounded after a small African police force opened fire when a crowd of about 1,000 native religious demonstrators refused to disperse peacefully in the Kilimindi district of North Kavirondo, Kenya, yesterday. It was officially reported here today.

The police force was being commanded by a British Assistant Superintendent of Police named Walker, who was attacked and hit on the head with clubs.

The demonstrators, it was stated, were heading for a small country police post, where three members of their religious sect were being held after arrest. The superintendent tried to persuade the natives to go away. They refused and Walker, after being beaten, considered the crowd intended to attack his small force of police and ordered his men to fire.—Reuter.

Tory As Candidate For Jap Premiership

Tokyo, Feb. 11.—Former Premier Sigeru Yoshida, President of the Conservative, but self-styled Liberal Party, became a formidable candidate for the next premiership today as the largest group in the House of Councillors reportedly backed him.

In a closed session of the Upper House's Steering Committee, representatives of the Ryokufukai—Spring Association Club—claimed that the inauguration of the new constitution called for the election of the head of the Opposition Party in the event the cabinet fell without dissolving the Diet and necessitating new general elections.

JOINT CONFERENCE

The House of Representatives Speaker, Komatichi Matsuda, visited the head of the four major political parties individually today and despite "National Foundation Day," which was a holiday, obtained their consent to meet in a joint conference tomorrow for discussion of the premier selection.

Supporters of Hitoshi Ashida, President of the Democratic Party—who is a member of the Diet—insisted that the next government should be a coalition headed by Ashida.

Observers said Ashida's chances depended whether he could secure sufficient support from the Social Democratic Party. Some observers were of the opinion that the fight between Yoshida and Ashida might create an impasse and the Diet members would eventually compromise on the election of outgoing Socialist Premier Tetsu Katayama to succeed himself.

MILLIONS SEEK MORE WAGES

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Feb. 11.—Three million shipbuilding and engineering workers today asked for average weekly wage increases of 14 shillings in a claim put forward here by the workers' representatives after they had considered the Government's plan for a stabilisation of wages.

Today's action by the delegates, representing 37 key unions joined together in the powerful Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, follows similar decisions by the Civil Servants Union and other unions to continue to press their wage claims despite the Government's warnings.—Reuter.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY SPORT IN FULL

H. K. Wins Soccer Interport In Convincing Fashion

FORROW BLUNTS SPEARHEAD OF THE SHANGHAI ATTACK: BRILLIANT CHAU MAN-CHI.

(BY "VERITAS")

A Hongkong team, bubbling over with confidence, easily defeated Shanghai in the 1948 soccer interport on Tuesday by five goals to one. The match was played before a huge crowd on the Club ground under perfect conditions.

For most of the game Shanghai were outplayed. Their half backs were incapable of withstanding the intelligent Hongkong attack, the spearhead of which was the brilliant and elusive Chau Man-chi at inside right. In contrast, the Shanghai forwards found it virtually impossible to shake off the terrier-like devotions of the Colony's intermediate line; and there you had the conclusive difference between the teams.

The cleverness of the Hongkong forward line was demonstrated by the fact that they only required two half-backs to support them when on the attack.

Forrow, according to the official programme, was playing at centre-half. But this turned out to be a figment of someone's imagination.

Forrow played what can best be described as centre-back, and I must admit I have never seen this position filled so effectively in local football.

His job, either by choice and under instructions (it matters not which) was to stop Tobostoff, and Forrow did just that.

The result was that he seldom crossed the halfway line, and I cannot recall, in the second half, a single occasion when he set his forwards moving.

IT DIDN'T MASTER!

Yet it did not matter two straws. Lau Chung-sang did not hesitate to leave his opposing left winger and move in to the centre field and compile the dual role of wing and centre-half, while both Chau Man-chi and Kiernan, showing incredible staying power, were always ready and willing to drop back to pick up the clearances made by the Colony's defence.

Hongkong turned out to be such a beautifully balanced team that it is rather akin to gliding the fly to name individuals. But if it is in order to hand out bouquets for steadfast and intelligent play they must go to Chau Man-chi, Forrow, Lau Chung-sang, Hau Yung-sang and Yung-ki.

They proved to be first-class interport footballers.

Shanghai's hero was unquestionably goalkeeper P. L. Chang, who handled the ball beautifully (except for one mistake which led to the second goal) and was equally expert in positioning himself. Chang continually came in to clear the Shanghai lines when the ball was hovering dangerously in the goal-mouth.

HEROIC DEFENDERS

The visiting full backs performed heroically under severe pressure, but they suffered from the inability of the halves to prevent the Hongkong attacks from developing, and the extra work thrust upon them proved too much.

Only occasionally did the Shanghai forwards appear capable of piercing the Colony defence. Most danger came from the right wing where T. W. Fei showed a nice turn of speed and admirable ball control. Gosano found him a handful and was not always successful in their duels.

Nevertheless the prime reason for Shanghai's lack of attacking thrust was that its spearhead, Tobostoff, was blunted by the unremitting attentions of Forrow.

The Shanghai centre forward was never given a chance either to show what his speed or his ability to shoot was expected to be an exciting affair but which turned out to be one-sided, in which Uncle Sam's gobs fielded their weakest team.

Yesterday at the CBA ground an inspired China team went to town in the final inning of their affinity with the Philippines contingent to rack up seven runs and walk away with a whitewash encounter 14-0. Four two killings enlivened the tilt, which was, however, quite scrappy. The Philippines battled tenaciously for six innings but finally lost to a superior team.

Lau Sai San of China pitched a two-hits game for the winners, whilst Fred Diesta excelled for the losers.

Cricket

Colony Beat Services By An Innings

Hongkong beat the Combined Services by an innings and 24 runs in the annual match played at Chater Road on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Hongkong scored 252 of which Owen-Hughes made 52 and Fincher 50. The Combined Services collapsed badly in their first innings against the bowling of Howarth and could only muster 84. A splendid innings of 75 not out by Cole of the Combined Services captain, averted an even worse collapse in the second innings which totalled 134.

Softball

International Series

(BY "STARDUST")

USA saw their International hopes fade on Chinese New Year Day at the CBA ground, King's Park, as they withered before the scorching assault of Great Britain, holder of the International Shield, 24-4, the thrice and telling blow being struck by the Leonard brothers, Dave and Stan.

The Yankees were without the services of Madcap hurler Dale

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The other penalty kick was awarded to Hongkong when Lau Shui-wing was fouled in the area. P. L. Chang, Shanghai's goalkeeper, who had already established a reputation with local soccer followers, enhanced it when he saved Lau's penalty kick, and took it further with a kangaroo-like recovery in which he was slightly injured.

Much against the run of the play Shanghai took the lead in the twentieth minute of the first half. Fei was the scorer. Before the interval play fell off and there were several free kicks, mostly against Hongkong.

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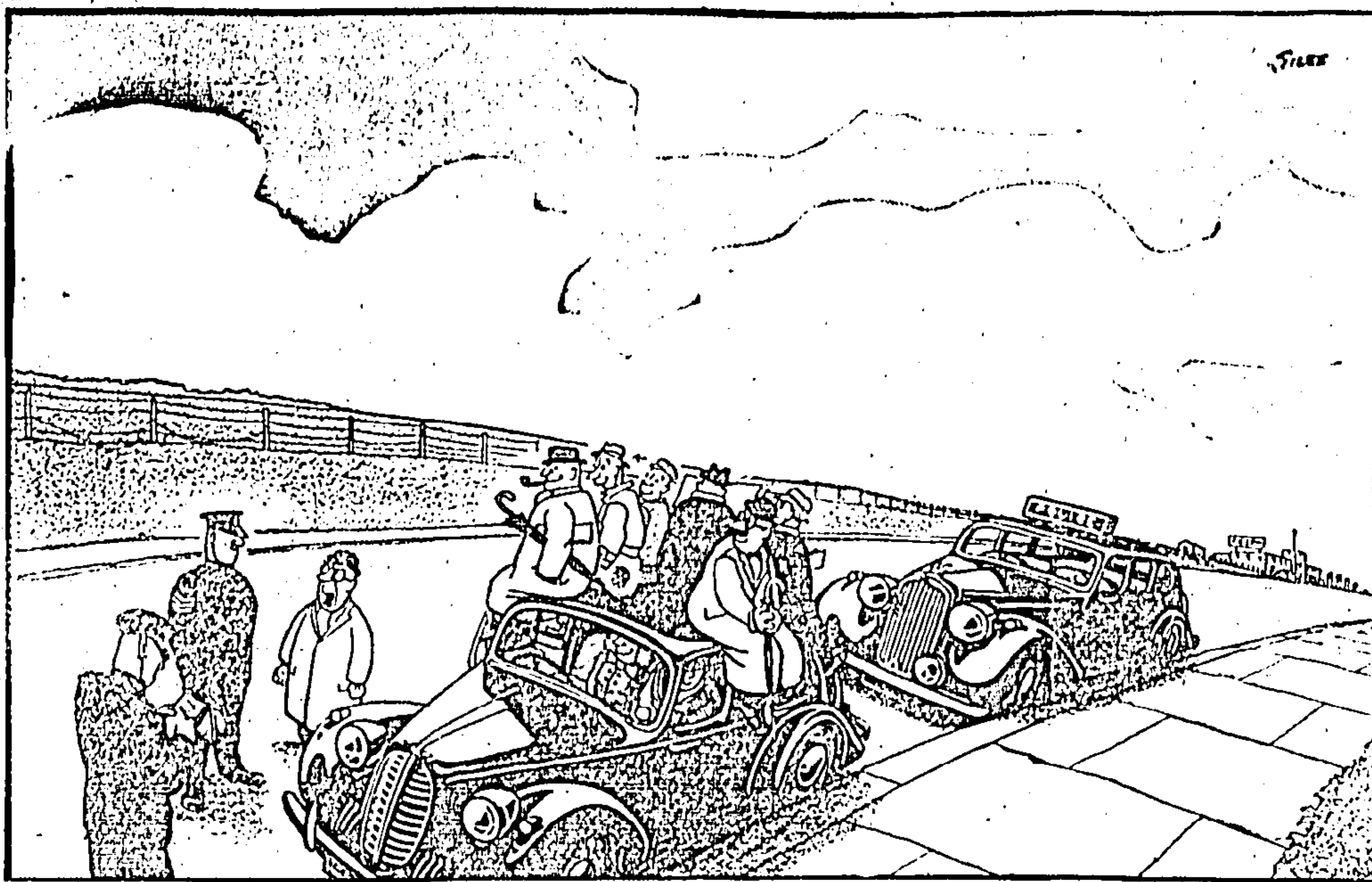
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Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

SIR NATHANIEL GUBBINS, pseudo-philosopher, phoney scientist, half a doctor, half a quack, and the biggest political fool in Britain, has revived his strong-arm party, which promises the electorate a sock on the jaw all round.

Six thousand newspapermen from all parts of the world were invited to his new home, "The Sea Nest," to hear his plans to reform the world.

Only one turned up, a tiny man in an enormous bowler hat, who said he was the political correspondent of the Tooting Bugle when he wasn't Aunt Betsy in Peg's Own Paper.

In order to impress his audience with his love of democracy and his sympathy for the working man, Sir Nathaniel was dressed as shabbily as possible.

His famous tweed jacket, Moth's flannel, and his infamous and insensatey grey flannel trousers, Elton's Lanes, had been dragged out of an old trunk and were worn with studied nonchalance.

He was even smoking a pipe, to make him look honest, but it only burned his tongue and made him feel sick.

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"GOOD MORNING," he said to the tiny scribble, who looked like a mushroom in his great, dusty hat. "Thanks so much for coming."

"That's all right," squeaked the little creature, "I had nothing else to do and I thought there might be a drink in it."

"Please ask any questions you like," said Sir Nat, putting half a bottle of rum and a glass on the table.

"When will the Sock On The Jaw party start work?" asked the dwarf. "It might start on you if you don't go steady with the rum," replied Sir Nat. "You're just about the right size."

"Will you put up candidates?" "We shall put up candidates just for the fun of knocking them down. As there will be no Parliament we don't need any candidates."

"If you gained power would you permit an Opposition?" "Only for seeking purposes."

"How can your party be defeated if all opponents are socked?" "It won't be defeated unless our opponents are better than us at socking people. It will depend on which side has the more skillful boxers."

"How could the people express dissatisfaction?" "Only by getting up at the count of nine and taking another sock."

"Would you have a State police?" "Everybody in the party would be a policeman. All the rest would be in prison."

"Who would do the work of the country?" "Prisoners."

"What is your attitude towards Russia?" "I would sock the lot, starting with Molotov."

"There are 200,000,000 Russians. Wouldn't it take rather a long time?"

"We shall have plenty of time, think we are, whining about our fate."

"Will members of the party wear coloured shirts?"

"If we don't get some party funds soon, the party won't have any shirts, coloured or not."

"You are going to ask for party funds, then?"

"What do you think I'm in this racket?" asked Sir Nat, pushing the little foot out of the door before he finished the rum.

As I have said, we are resigned to it and often wish there were more of us so that every English stomach could be filled, especially the children's stomachs. We often worry about hungry children.

But we do think the Government should do more to protect us from amateurs and ensure, as far as possible, that we meet a merciful end at the hands of experts.

After all, you might be resigned to have your tooth out, but you wouldn't like it done in the dark by a bloodthirsty plumber.

Hoping your wife and family are well.

I remain, Sir, Your faithfully,

A Pig.

THE starving people

"NO," said the fat woman, "I've never eaten margarine and I never shall. Give it to them what likes it, that's what I say, but not me."

"Ever since I can remember I've never eaten margarine because my father would never have it in the house, him being what he was, a master craftsman in the building."

"Of course my husband eats it because then he was in the Kaiser's war, and when they was up to their what names in mud a bit of margarine here and there didn't make no difference."

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THE fat woman took a pull at her stout, which left a bubbly, brown moustache across her thick upper lip.

"And another thing I'm funny about is fish," she said. "My father always said that fish was for the lower classes, so he wouldn't have it in the house. Not even a bit of tinned salmon."

"So I suppose I take after him, because I'd never have it in the house either, except for my husband, who likes a kipper for his tea because he never got one in the trenches, and still looks upon it as a kind of treat."

"So I give him all the kippers he can swallow, as it fills him up and

FREEDOM OF THE SEANCE

By STANLEY BISHOP

IN 1735 the Witchcraft Act was passed by a Parliament of King George the Second.

Until then witchcraft had been punishable by death, and during the Stuart period the average number of executions for witchcraft was nearly 200 a year.

Women and men were hanged on hearsay evidence and gossip for dealing with "Wicked and Evil Spirits; for witchcraft, sorcery and incantation."

Although the Act of 1735 abolished prosecutions for being a witch or a wizard, it laid down punishments for persons pretending to have such arts and powers "whereby ignorant people are frequently deluded and defrauded."

It is because of that "pretending" clause that repeal of the Witchcraft Act is sought by M.P.s in connection with the new Criminal Justice Bill.

For in recent years the old Act of 1735 has been used for criminal court proceedings against Spiritualist mediums.

The allegation in the charges has been of "pretending to have such arts and powers by which the ignorant are defrauded."

A MENACE

A NUMBER of Spiritualist mediums have been convicted under the Witchcraft Act.

Police have taken action against suspected bogus mediums under the Act because it is the easiest—and to their mind most appropriate—legal instrument.

On the other side, earnest Spiritualists feel that the Witchcraft Act is a perpetual menace to their beliefs and to the practice of Spiritualism.

Their contention is that the Act catches in its net impostors and innocent people alike, and that for the purpose of dealing with impostors there is nothing the Act can do that cannot be done better by common law practice.

Mr. Chuter Ede, Home Secretary, in a letter to the Spiritualists' Union, declared that the essential element of offence under the Act was fraud and imposture. The Act, he was advised, imposed no restraint or restriction on the right of every person in this country to enjoy freedom of religious common law practice.

Another change sought through the Criminal Justice Bill affects the Vagrancy Act of 1824.

Under this Act also, mediums and fortune-tellers can be prosecuted. A clause in the Act states that a police court charge can be made against "every person pretending or professing to tell fortunes, or using any subtle craft, means or device, by palmistry or otherwise, to deceive and impose on any of His Majesty's subjects."

SAFEGUARDS

THE amendments proposed will leave powers against the fortune-teller and palmist, but will provide safeguards against ill-advised haphazard prosecutions.

Spiritualists have always protested against the fact that under the terms of the Vagrancy Act, 1824, they can be charged in theory, as "rogues and vagabonds."

Both Acts—the Witchcraft Act, 1735, and the Vagrancy Act, 1824—are now anachronisms, and should be modified in the light of present-day thought.

But while Parliament may change or abolish the Witchcraft Act, belief in witchcraft is still prevalent in many country parts of England.

In a recent case in a Wiltshire court, a married couple was found to have been using incantations and burning salt to protect a child from evil spirits.

On the Welsh borders, some villagers shut their windows tight at night to prevent night air witches flying into their homes.

And in Norfolk, and Suffolk, it is a common belief that a midwife can fly to a woman in child-birth on a witch's broomstick.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

INTO the row between Frustrationism and Presuppositionism crashes the merciless Snodling.

He maintains that Neantism, the French version of Presuppositionism, is merely Poposism in a new disguise. He says that the great characteristic of our time is that philosophy has become flexible and mobile, and that causation is less essential as an explanation of effect than the slow process of pre-causation. This is to make nonsense of Leibniz's theory of marginal probability, from which derives the conclusion come to by Bellwether—that effect precedes cause.

She's right, you know

DEAR Sir,

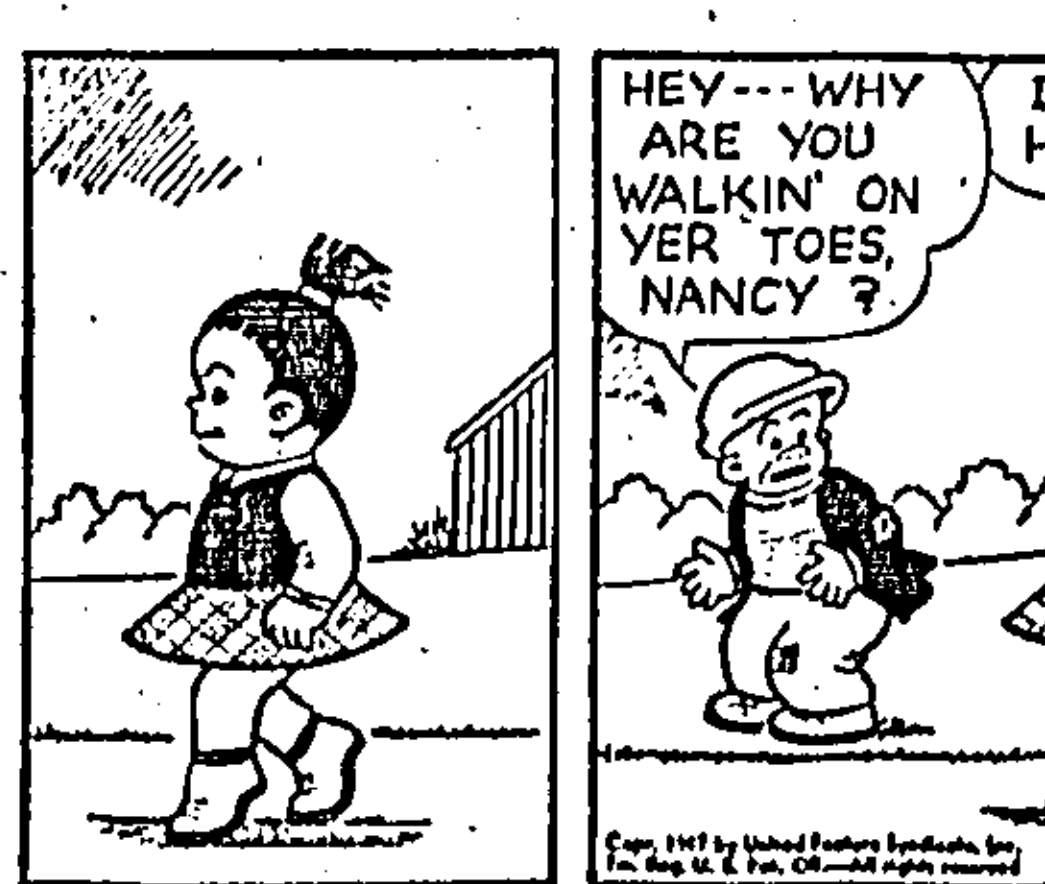
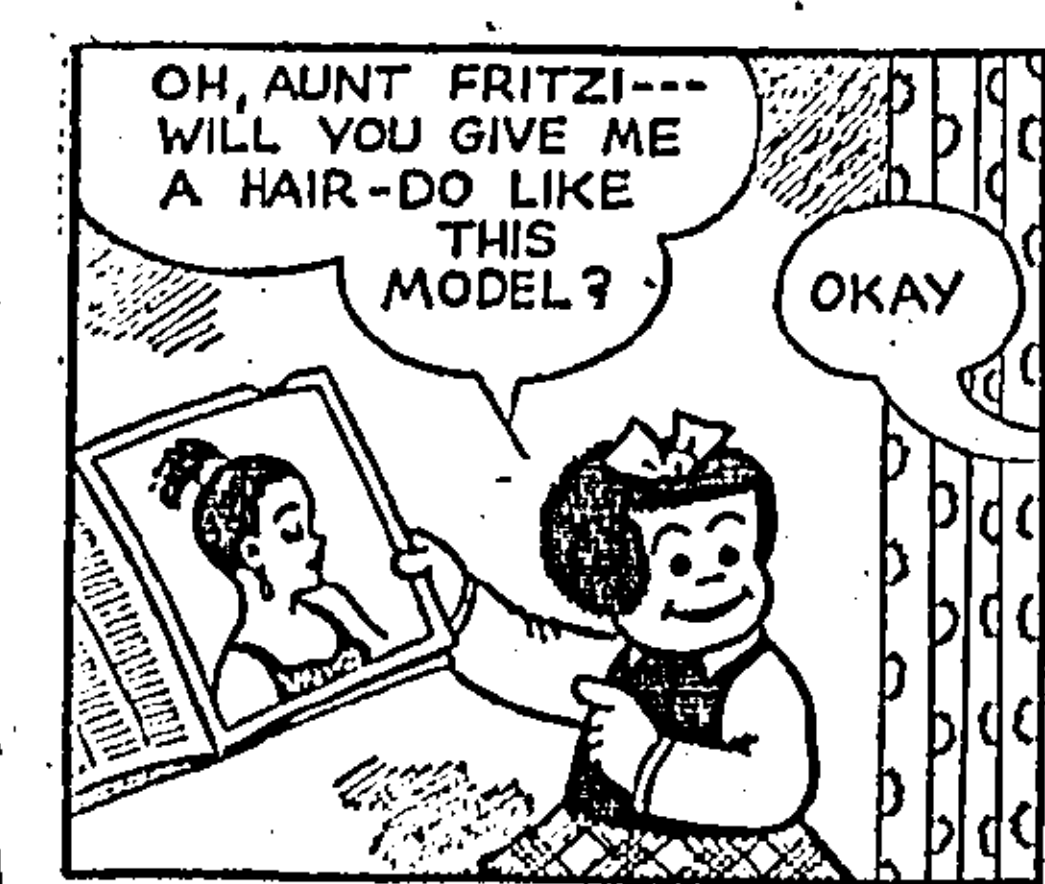
May I venture to suggest that the quarrel between the Frustrationists and the Presuppositionists would be easier for the uninitiated public to follow if they were told what it was all about?

Yrs. faithfully,
(Miss) Constance Rivers.

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This pattern, cut out of plicated tissue, will make the faintest little bodice imaginable. For town wear.

NANCY The Height of Fashion



Women CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Diana Lynn for Lois Leeds.

Here are answers to your problems.

DEAR LOIS LEEDS

"Dear Lois Leeds: My daughter, thirteen years old, is chubby and she wants to eat. Do you approve?"

MOTHER R.

No, no, no! A thirteen-year-old girl needs all of her strength. If you give her, proper meals three times a day and she refrains from eating candy, sweets and soft drinks between meals she will be all right. Get her to exercise out of doors and send her to a dancing school.

"Dear Lois Leeds: My daughter is invited everywhere but on all-day hikes with her father insists that I go along or the hunt not accept. The boys are good and know the woods. They leave at six in the morning and get home in the late afternoon. What do you think?"

MOM.

I think that an adult should go along. If you dislike going you would probably spoil the day for all of them. You could better keep your girl at home.

"Dear Lois Leeds: Is it drying to bleach the skin with a cream bleach?"

M.

Usually, yes. If you have an effective bleach use it more often but for shorter periods of time. And use it a shorter time on each application. Always use cream after removing the bleach.

Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE



Blondes need special makeup shades which are just suited to their delicate coloring. Blonde hair needs very special care. The finest of white soaps, special bina and ointments should be selected, as the average hair preparations, while helpful to growth and cleanliness, often darken blonde hair.

Scarves-to-frock transformation



Frederick Starke used three Ascher scarves to make one of his new spring frocks. Bodice and bolero back account for one scarf, and what appears to be two scarves are used for the wrap-around skirt which ties on either hip. The design is an outside black flower and leaves on each colored square.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"They ought to make homework more attractive—I'm writing essays and limericks in three soap contests and might win thousands of dollars!"

Earth Isn't Round Any More, He Says

Only very foolish people could still believe the earth was round, says 60-year-old George Fowler of Australia.

HE'LL NEVER PLAY THE GAME AGAIN

A loser at "Russian roulette" has lived to tell how it felt to lose.

Barton Chassin, a Washington crozier, walked out of hospital almost completely recovered three weeks after sending a bullet crashing through his brain.

Chassin commented: "I feel fine." A 30-year-old ex-soldier, Chassin had demonstrated the game of Russian roulette to a circle of wide-eyed youths in his grocery shop.

He removed four of five cartridges from a 30-calibre revolver, spun the cylinder, held the barrel to his head, and pulled the trigger.

Into Right Temple

He lost. The slug ploughed into the right temple, passed through both sides of the brain. It emerged from the left temple, destroying sections of the frontal lobes of the brain.

A former United States naval surgeon, Dr. William Spencer, who had performed similar operations during the war, succeeded in saving Chassin's life.

He removed all the destroyed brain tissue and blood clots, halted the internal bleeding, and closed the wound.

After four days in a coma, Chassin made a rapid recovery. But he will not play Russian roulette again.

FURS FOR DOLLARS

In Communist Russia hunters are setting their traps and gun-sights to provide rich furs, many of which would later grace the windows of stores in New York's Fifth Avenue—the richest street in the world.

The opening of the trapping and game season next week is heralded out with the first snow hunting the cables, muskrats, muskrats, rabbits, otters, beavers, raccoons, silver foxes, lynxes, wildcats, tigers, panthers, and bears.

But it was not entirely a dollar hunt. Thousands shot for sport. Moscow Hunting Club alone was reported to have 2,705,000 acres of hunting grounds, and 50 cabins for its 6,800 members.

The Soviet Army Hunting Society had 44 hunting grounds, covering an area of 7,720,000 acres, in the military districts of the Soviet Union. The society's president, Lieutenant-General Y. A. Khodenko, called on members to destroy wolves along with their favourite game.

To Investigate Jet Sickness

The R.A.F. is to carry out a scientific investigation into the question whether jet engines have any serious effect on pilots.

Work has already begun on the development of special instruments which will be used to measure the noise and vibration "waves" created by jet motors.

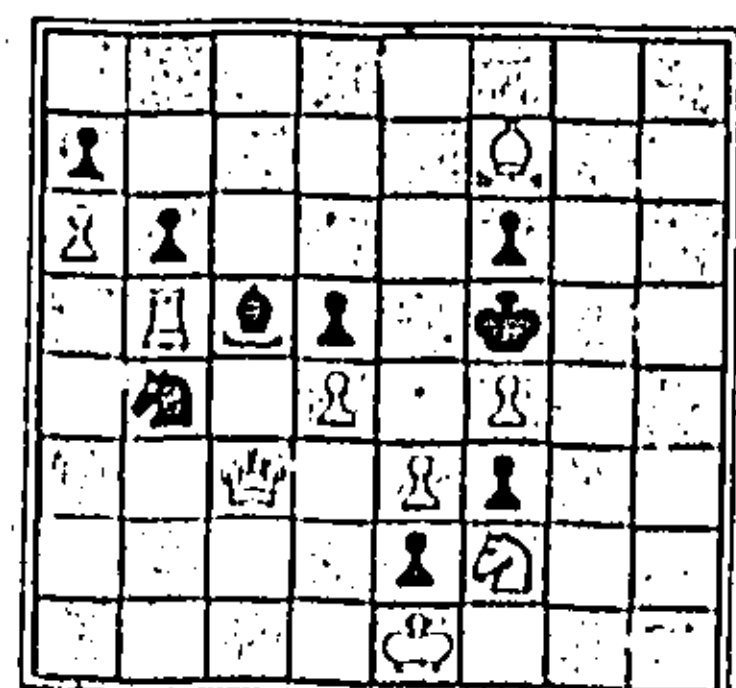
Some civilian test pilots and test-bench workers have complained of "jet sickness."

"But," an Air Ministry official said, "none of these complaints has been confirmed by medical investigation." According to the R.A.F.'s Directorate-General of Medical Services, R.A.F. jet pilots have not complained of anything beyond "slight transitory fatigue" and deafness.

"On present evidence," the R.A.F. doctors say, "there is no reason to expect injurious results to pilots from flying jet propelled aircraft." The measurement tests will be carried out on men and animals. Instruments for air tests are now being developed by the R.A.F. Institute of Aviation Medicine at Farnborough, Hants.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. K. ELWORTHY
Black, 9 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.
White to play and mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q—B8. any; 2. Q, R (dbl ch) or K: mates.

Small, rugged, red-faced, and active, Mr Fowler has been pondering over the riddle of the universe in a simple bush-shack study for 40 years.

He has evolved the Georgian theory of the universe as a small cylinder.

He has named his theory Georgian after his Christian name, George. "No one can doubt that the universe is a small cylinder of matter standing perpendicularly in space," he said.

"The earth, which of course, is flat, occupies the bottom of the cylinder. The heavens fill up the top part, and in between is a twopenny-ha'penny collection of stars, planets, and the sun.

"The earth as a globe is, a monstrous impossibility. "Suppose for a moment it were ball-shaped: each parallel circle of its surface would be either above or below the others.

"Two lines of latitude could not be at the same level, which means that two ships could not be at the same height."

Water Curvature

As the curvature of circles was inversely proportional to the radii, the water curvature at latitude 75 degrees would be four times greater than at the Equator, Mr Fowler said.

This meant that a ship sailing near one of the poles would resemble a double-decker bus travelling round a sharp curve—it would hardly be able to make it.

"What alleged scientists call the dip of the horizon should be called the rise," Mr Fowler added.

"On our flat earth the law of perspective causes the area between the observer and the horizon to rise to the height of the observer."

"No matter how high we go, the horizon rises with us.

"This phenomenon couldn't possibly occur if the world were a globe. There would be a constant falling away.

"The centre of the flat earth is what is commonly called the North Pole.

"The entire perimeter round the edges of the cylinder is the South Pole.

No-Cause Realities

"When aeroplanes rise from the surface of the earth they set a course, keep to it, and arrive at a planned destination.

"Where would they end up if they kept to their courses on a globe? They'd fly right off it!"

As well as evolving the theory of the Georgian small-cylinder universe, Mr Fowler has postulated five Georgian great-cause realities.

"They are wisdom, space, time, substance, and Jehovah.

He said, he called them no-cause realities—because they existed, but could not be explained.

ZOO SNAKES FOR MOSCOW

Regular exchanges of animals between the London and Moscow Zoos, interrupted during the war years, are now becoming ever more frequent.

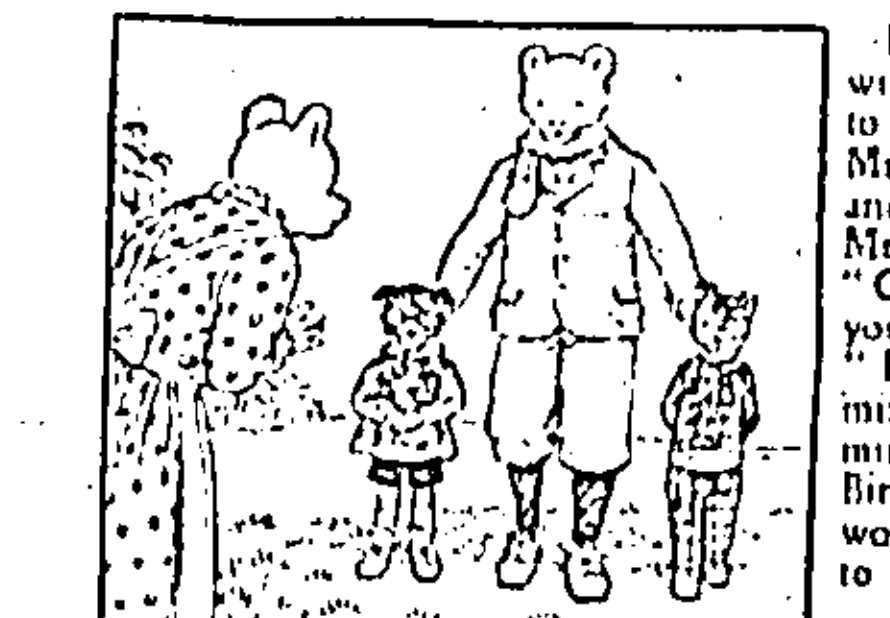
From Moscow have come a northern lynx in full winter coat, three raccoon-like dogs, a beech marten, two rare red-breasted geese, and several reptiles, two species of which have not previously been shown at Regent's Park.

In exchange London has sent a number of reptile house exhibits, including young alligators and snakes.

Keepers spent a busy morning packing these creatures for their long sea voyage, in crates specially run up for them in the Zoo carpenter's shop.

Among the snakes were some of the western bean-constrictors born earlier this year. No snakes of this species have yet been exhibited in the Russian menagerie.

Rupert and the Big Bang—39



Rupert and Bingo are nearly black with grime and dust, and they try to explain what has happened, but Mr. Bear is now very angry indeed and marches them straight home.

Mr. Bear is horrified to see them. "Good gracious! I've never seen you in such a mess!" she cries. "Have you both been down a coal-mine? Come and have a bath this minute!" Repeat sign. "Poor old Bingo," he thinks. "Why do these wonderful ideas of his always have to go wrong?"



McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Usually You Open Suit Partner Bid

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

THERE are many four-handed card games in which two of the contestants play as partners against the other two, but there is no card game in which partnership means as much as it does in bridge.

Such fine players as Howard Schenken, Waldemar von Zedtwitz and Charles G. Goren always adjust their game to fit their partner. They take into consideration whether or not partner is an over-bidder. If he is nervous they make no comment or criticism about a bad bid or play.

Many times I have seen them deliberately let their partner play a hand in the wrong contract because it was not doubted and they knew that if they took the contract back to the correct suit, partner would

make another bid that might be doubled.

There are certain fundamental principles to which partners should adhere. Today's lesson hand has to do with the rule to open your partner's suit unless you have a very fine reason for doing otherwise.

Your partner very often will make a bid for no other reason than to have that suit led if the opponents win the contract.

If South in today's hand is an individualist he will figure that the opponents undoubtedly have the club suit stopped, and he will open his own spade suit. Then the opponents will have no trouble to make three or four no trump. But if he follows the partnership rule and opens a club, his partner's suit, it is impossible for declarer to make nine tricks. North can clear the club suit, and then get in with the ace of diamonds to defeat the contract.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What route from the United States to Europe is named the "Snowball Route?"
2. Who invented the symphony orchestra?
3. Approximately how old is the Republic of Haiti?
4. How does the secretary bird kill its prey?
5. Who was Uriah Heep?
6. What is the national sport of Spain?

(Answers on Page 4)

Lesson Hand—Neither vul.

South West North East
Pass Pass 1 Pass 1 N.T.
Pass 3 N.T. Pass Pass
Opening—A J. 20

♠ 73
♥ 1072
♦ A85
♣ KQ1084

♠ AQ2
♥ AJ94
♦ Q106
♣ A73

♠ J1098
♥ 653
♦ 0743
♣ 52

♠ K854
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FIRECRACKERS LED TO COURT

Bail Estimated

Chong Kau, 25, stall foki, and five others, who failed to appear in Court on Wednesday on a charge of discharging fireworks during prohibited hours at Wanchai district, had their bail of \$25 each estimated by Mr. Conklin.

Navy Intercepts More Jews Off Palestine

Jerusalem, Feb. 11.—Nearly 700 Jews, including 61 children, intercepted by the Royal Navy as their ship approached the Palestine coast today in an attempt to land them illegally, were tonight on their way to the camps of Cyprus.

Their ship, named the Yerulim Habezura, was boarded by a naval party without incident and taken to Haifa harbor by a naval tug, it was officially stated.

Fifteen stretcher cases were among ship's 679 would-be immigrants. They were transferred at Haifa to British transport, Ocean Vigour, sailed for Cyprus later.

Palestine Government spokesmen declared today that negotiations between Christian, Jewish and Moslem religious leaders to declare Jerusalem's walled Old City an "open city" are now nearing completion.

There would be full co-operation between the British administration, Palestine and the United Nations Palestine Commission so far as the future status of Jerusalem was concerned, the spokesman said.

The Palestine Commission would welcome a rapid adoption of the draft statute for Jerusalem, submitted to the United Nations, which would provide for a United Nations guarantee of Jerusalem's boundaries as an international demilitarized city and for the Security Council to be informed of any threat to its integrity, he said.

The spokesman added that more than 1,000 Arabs, wounded in inter-communal strife, were at present in Palestine Government hospitals throughout the country.—Reuter.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. The air route via Labrador, Baffin Land, Iceland and Greenland.
2. The Austrian composer Josef Haydn, 200 years ago.
3. 125 years.
4. It kicks it to death.
5. A character in Dickens "David Copperfield."
6. Bull fighting.

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